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Toshihiro SHIMA	Allowed: May 11, 2007
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For: DEVICE FOR DYNAMICALLY VARYING THE PRIORITY OF VARIOUS  
PROCESSING IN A PRINTER

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